

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 16, 17, and 22-25 are pending in this application. The examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 16, 17, and 22-25 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,090,266 which was filed June 6, 1996.

Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's assertion, applicant attaches hereto a terminal disclaimer which disclaims, with certain provisions, the terminal portion of the statutory term of any patent to issue from the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,090,266.

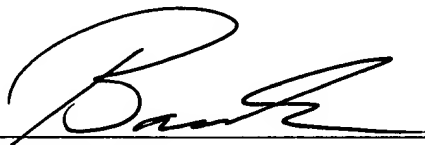
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In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections set forth in the June 16, 2004 Office Action and allow the presently pending claims, namely claims 1-6, 16, 17, and 22-25.

No fees, other than the fees referenced in the petition for extension, are believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any additional fee is necessary, applicant hereby authorizes such fee to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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